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## GVHC, Greenbelt To Lose Webster; '55 Charges Down For Brick Home

By Bernard Krug

Ralph Webster announced his resignation as president of the GVHC Board of Directors at the quarterly membership meeting Wednesday night at the Greenbelt Theater. In a totally unexpected statement, he told the audience of about 75 persons that he is leaving Greenbelt to become assistant manager of the Veterans Administration Hines Hospital in Chicago.

A member of the board for two years and president for the past year, Webster has been a resident of Greenbelt for 11 years. The meeting gave him a rising vote of thanks for his splendid service to GVHC and to the community.

The meeting was told that, in a week or ten days, each member would receive a notice from the office stating the amount of the monthly charges for the coming year, the amount of interest and taxes that have been paid during 1954, and the total amount of the mortgage remaining to be paid under the contract.

Tentative figures show that defense housing charges will increase from 40 cents to a dollar per month, and old Greenbelt home payments will go down in some cases as much as \$2 per month. All figures have been computed with the new garbage collection fee added in, plus other changes in the city tax structure recently voted by the City Council.

It was announced that the Warner-Kanter Company hopes to build three types of houses on the undeveloped land if and when it takes title to the entire tract: 4 bedroom house with 2 baths, a three bedroom split level with 2 baths, and a three bedroom 1½ bath rambler, none of which will sell for more than \$15,000.

The Greenbelt Veterans Housing Corporation will increase the salary of its staff beginning January 1, 1955. The pay boost was voted last Friday night at the regular meeting of the GVHC board. Maintenance and heating employees will get a 10 percent boost, while administrative and clerical workers' pay will be hiked 5 percent.

The cost of the entire pay raise was estimated at about \$11,000 per year. The new pay schedules were voted in unanimously as a change in basic salary, and will not affect the GVHC policy of awarding its staff the usual annual increments for satisfactory service.

In another unanimous action, the board voted to join two other cooperative housing groups in the

Washington area in an effort to obtain special legislation governing that type of housing in Maryland. The total expenditure of GVHC in this endeavor will be no higher than \$250.

## Forced To Continue Two-Page Newspaper

The Greenbelt News Review will continue to be issued as a two-page paper, Editor Russell Greenbaum has announced. This policy has been forced on the newspaper due to the extremely low volume of advertising carried by the News Review during recent months.

Occasional issues will contain four pages when the amount of advertising warrants it. It is hoped that a four-page issue will be published about once a month.

The News Review anticipates that by careful editing our subscribers will have approximately the same amount of news as has been printed in the past. This will be achieved by eliminating certain regular features that have been carried in the past, particularly commentary columns and the weekly church listings.

We regret the necessity of discontinuing our free service to the churches that has been a tradition of the Greenbelt newspaper for many years. However, notices of sermons and special events will continue to be carried as news items and in "What Goes On."

The weekly calendar, "What Goes On?" will be expanded to cover in detail the news of the meetings of Greenbelt social and civic organizations. News stories on such meetings, when carried, will necessarily be cut to a minimum.

It is not intended that the two-page edition of the News Review will be permanent, and it is expected that increased advertising will restore the newspaper to its previous size.

## What Goes On?

Friday, December 10 - Hebrew Services held at 8 p.m. in Home Ec. room of Center school. Candle-lighting time at 4:09.

Sunday, December 12 - Open House at new GCS Wheaton Co-op from 3 to 6 p.m.

### CHURCH SERVICES

Community Church - Morning worship at 9 and 11 a.m.—Rev. Braund preaching second in series of Advent sermons, "Wise Men with Gifts."

Methodist Church (meeting at North End School) - Morning worship at 11 a.m.—sermon by Rev. Knock, "Follow That Star."

Lutheran Church - Services at 8:30 and 11 a.m.—sermon by Pastor Birner.

Baptist Chapel (meeting in Center school) - Morning worship at 11 a.m.

St. Hugh's Catholic Church - Masses at 7:30, 8:30, 9:30 and 11 a.m.

Monday, December 13 - City Council meets in office over Variety Store at 8 p.m.

Rehearsal of Choral Group in sections in Center School, Room 201. Sopranos, 8:30-9 p.m.; altos, 9-9:30 p.m.; tenors and bass singers, 9:30-10 p.m.

Wednesday, December 15 - Movie, "Gallant Bess," at 3 p.m., sponsored by Greenbelt Citizens Association. Essay Awards.

Holy Name Society meets. Speaker, Father Troy, headmaster of Gonzaga.

Thursday, December 16 - Great Books Club meets at home of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gordon, 4-F Gardenway, at 8:30 p.m. to discuss Thucydides.

Friday, December 17 - Cub Scout pack meeting and Xmas party at Community Church Fellowship Hall.

## Lions To Set Up City Xmas Tree On Friday

Greenbelt's community Christmas tree will be erected Friday, December 11, under the sponsorship of the Greenbelt Lions Club. The tree will be the largest one used to celebrate the Christmas holidays in recent years. Measuring over thirty feet tall, it will be placed in the exact center of the shopping area.

Approximately a week later the Lions Club will use it as a focal point for the gathering of food and money to help the unfortunate families of Greenbelt. Although the tree will be lighted as soon as it is erected, the Lions Club will hold a special lighting ceremony at that time to signify the beginning of their food drive.

Baskets will be placed at convenient spots around the shopping area and members of the Club will be in attendance to urge Greenbelt residents to help them provide a bountiful Christmas dinner for those families needing help. The American Legion has decided not to participate in the Lions' Christmas Basket drive this year, according to Ed Burgoon, member of the Lions committee organizing the drive.

## GCA To Hold Movie For Kids On Wed.

The Greenbelt Citizens Association will sponsor a special showing of "Gallant Bess" in the Greenbelt Theater Wednesday afternoon, December 15, at 3 p.m. Just prior to the movie, the awards in the GCH Clean-up Essay Contest will be made by Mayor James Wolfe.

The movie is a Technicolor production, and tells a heartwarming story of a boy and his horse.

All Greenbelt public schools will be closed that Wednesday afternoon because of the regular monthly teachers conference.

## New GCS Wheaton Center To Open Monday; "Open House" On Sunday

America's largest consumer cooperative, the Wheaton Co-op General Store, Service Station and Shopping Center will hold an "Open House" Sunday afternoon December 12 from 3 to 6 p.m. and open for business the next day according to an announcement by General Manager Samuel F. Ashelman, Jr., of Greenbelt Consumer Services, Inc.

The Sunday Open House will be highlighted by the cutting

## Market To Receive More Improvements

Additional expenditures of approximately \$8000 were approved by the GCS Board of Directors at their last meeting, for improvements in the Greenbelt Supermarket. Earlier the Board had approved the ordering of new frozen food cases, and installation of new tile flooring in the lobby and produce department. These improvements will be made some time after the first of the year when the new equipment can be delivered.

GCS management has been conducting additional studies for improving the Co-op store facilities, and recommended the installation of a new dairy wall case and walk-in box behind it. Because of the large volume of milk sold at the Co-op, this will make it more convenient for customers and more economical to operate.

The meat department will have additional display cases. This will make possible better displays of the budget-beef, introduced a few weeks ago. The produce and bakery departments will be rearranged, and a belt-driving checkout will be added.

General Manager Ashelman reported that he has had two conferences with the people who recently purchased the portion of the shopping center not owned by the Co-op. Negotiations are proceeding, he said, in the spirit of trying to work out what is best for development of the shopping center.

## Post Office Plans Longer Xmas Hours

The Greenbelt post office will be open during special hours, December 11 through December 24, to accommodate the Christmas rush period, Thomas R. Freeman, postmaster, has announced.

During this period the post office will be open on weekdays from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. The exception will be Friday, December 24, when the post office will close at 6 p.m. On Saturday, December 11 and 18, the post office will be open from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. On Sundays, December 12 and 19, the hours of business will be from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

## Woman's Club Sponsors "Stamps For Veterans"

The Greenbelt Woman's Club is sponsoring a "Stamps for Veterans" project. All stamps, used and unused, foreign and domestic (except the common purple three-cent, NATO three-cent and the red two-cent) are acceptable.

These stamps will provide collections for thousands of bed-ridden veterans in the 171 Veterans Hospitals in the United States. Stamps, old stamp albums and partial collections are all in need. Corners of envelopes should be carefully torn off or whole envelopes sent.

All contributions may be left with Mrs. William L. Moore, Jr. at 14-R Hillside Rd., or telephone GR. 4-8621 for collection.

of the ribbon across an 85 foot expanse of glass front by a group of area civic leaders operating the handles of a twenty-foot pair of scissors. Guests of honor for the afternoon will be Mr. Murray D. Lincoln, President of CARE, world renowned cooperative, and Mr. Gottlieb Duttweiler, general manager of Migros, the largest cooperative in Switzerland, who will fly here this week especially for the occasion.

### Room To Park

The General Store occupies nearly an acre of a five acre tract of land with the balance devoted to free parking space for more than 350 cars and an ultra modern service station.

The Shopping Center also houses a group of seven small specialty shops leased to independent merchants. These include Barber and Beauty Shops, a Hobby Mart, Men's and Boys' Clothing Store, Dry Cleaning and Shoe Repair and a Dispensing Optician.

### Win a Color TV

One of the opening week features will be the General Store cracker barrel in which all visitors may place their names for more than 100 prizes to be drawn on Saturday night, December 18, by Miss Tippy Stringer, weather and fashion telecaster from TV Station WMAL in Washington. Prizes to be drawn include 100 baskets of food, coffee makers, and a Color TV Set.

In keeping with the international theme of decoration of the General Store a special sale of Scotch plaid all wool scarves, gift boxed, is made possible by direct importation from a Co-op factory in Scotland. Murals of Co-ops in other lands as well as the Co-ops in Greenbelt and Takoma Park decorate the rear wall of the store on either side of a colorful map of the world.

Another imported item direct from a Swedish Co-op will be a cellulose sponge cloth which cleans and dries in one stroke.

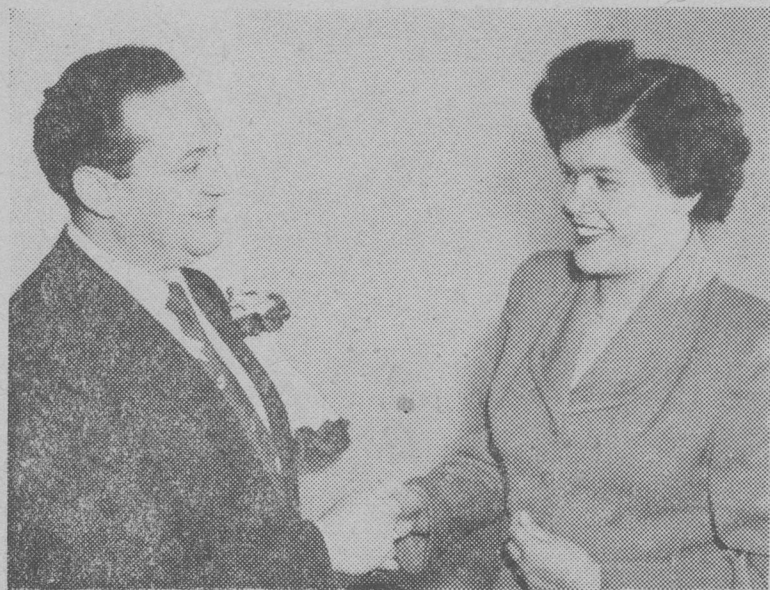
### Special Sales

Special food sales will also be advertised for opening week, December 13 through 18, with Co-op's Own Cornell Formula Bread selling for five cents a loaf. A hot dog and roll at the snack bar will also sell for the almost forgotten nickel. Hundreds of other items from frozen foods to bicycles will be on special sale for opening week.

The General Store, largest unit of the center, occupies more than 33,000 square feet of space and houses food, drugs and general merchandise areas. More than 25,000 square feet of open shopping space affords beautifully decorated displays and the latest modern conveniences for shoppers. Also located within the General Store are a Community Room for meetings, store offices, stock rooms, and a central snack bar under a ceiling-hung canopy.

One of the features of the General Store is the Food-O-Mat, 125 feet of in-a-line shelving covering more than two-thirds of the rear wall. Here packaged products are fed from a stock area into sloping shelf trays. As the customer selects an item another slides into place. This modern display and self-service device is expected to cut shopping time in half, eliminate aisles crowded by clerks and cartons, and offer continually fresh products.

## Local Girl Wins Car



Mrs. Shirley L. Shaver, 14-B Hillside, is shown above receiving congratulations from Jack Fruchtman, Chief Barker of the Washington Variety Club, for being the recipient of one of seven cars awarded by the Variety Club on Saturday, November 20. Mrs. Shaver received a 1954 Pontiac Chieftain 8 Station Wagon. The winning ticket was sold to her by another Greenbelter, D. W. Reed, who received a 1955 21" Philco T.V. set.





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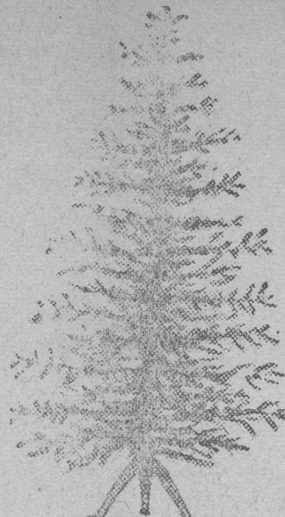
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